

LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Public Safety Subcommittee

Monday, August 20, 2007

2:00 P.M.

Third Floor, City Hall

Present:

Chairman: CM Downard

Vice Chair: CW Green

Members: CM Kramer, CW Welch, and CW Ward-Pugh

Absent:

Special Items for Discussion: Metro Animal Control Ordinance

Chairman Downard announced the members and non-members of the committee that were present. A quorum was established.

Dr. Meloche, Director, Louisville Metro Animal Services, and Dr. Norman Auspitz ([biographical sketch](#)) were present to speak. Dr. Auspitz gave a PowerPoint presentation ([attached](#)) and then answered questions. The following was discussed:

- Failure of punitive legislation
 - Failure to reduce euthanasia rates
 - Lack of compliance
 - Irresponsible pet owners
 - Higher cost of ownership leads to disregard for the law
 - Discourages people from caring for homeless animals
- Jefferson county bite statistics ([attached](#))
- Control of the feral cat population
 - Trap-Neuter-Release programs
- Life span of indoor cats vs. life span of outdoor cats
- Analysis of the pet cat/kitten market
 - Four distinct market segments with very little overlap
 - Shelter/stray cat/kitten adopter
 - Rescue pedigree cat adopter
 - "Retired Show Cat" pedigreed cat buyer
 - Pedigreed kitten buyer
- Recommend spaying/neutering early
- Do not let your cat wander outside
- Money to implement a program to control feral cats

Other information was provided to the committee members. The information is available upon request by contacting the Metro Council Clerk's office at (502) 574-3902.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Tina Ward-Pugh.

Without objection the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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